

"Just who got the vanished millions belonging to the stockholders of the New Haven railroad and how the deals were carried out by which those millions were diverted from the road's treasury to the pockets of favored financiers are questions which the interstate commerce commission expects to answer through the pending investigation into the New Haven's financial affairs."

This is the authoritative statement of the commission's purpose in forcing the examination of Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven, and of other witnesses. Joseph W. Folk is chief counsel of the commission in its investigation. He declares the probe will be thorough and without mercy to the offenders.



Charles S. Mellen (on right) testifying before interstate commerce commission. On the left is Commissioner C. C. McChord. In the center is Chief Counsel J. W. Folk, snapped while leaving one of the hearings last week.

### Various Foreign Events that Furnished Week's Interest

CHRISTIANA, May 23.—The West-end half of the Scandinavian peninsula, like the Eastern half, has become agitated by the problem of national defense. The campaign for a strengthened armament appears almost daily, to assume some new phase of popular interest, and it is believed that the common demand for protection against encroachment by any of the European powers may bring Norway and Sweden together again to the extent of a defensive alliance.

The Norwegian Parliament has recently been popularly criticized for its ardent faith in peace treaties. It has been conspicuous in the peace movement ever since it was entrusted by the late Alfred Nobel with the distribution of the Nobel Peace Prize each year, and further it has during the last seven years relied faithfully upon an integrity treaty signed by Russia, Germany, France and England, by which the neutrality of Norway should be strictly observed in case of European war.

The people of Scandinavian peninsula—whether they be Norwegians or Swedes—have no thoughts of expansion, but want to be kept out of the political turmoil which plagues the last few years has agitated Europe. Fears that integrity treaties are worthless have become popular among Scandinavians since the Balkan war, when it was seen that Turkey profited little by its treaties, as guaranteed by the powers. In a war between this Triple-entente and the Triple-alliance the Scandinavian peninsula, with its safe and excellent ports, might be of such value to any of the belligerents as refuge haven or operation base that no paper treaties would stand in the way of seizure. It such were the case it is feared that Norway and Sweden might, against their will, be drawn into warfare.

PANAMA, May 23.—Stoppage of the Tehuantepec Railway route across Mexico has so increased traffic across the Isthmus of Panama that the Panama Railroad is almost unable to cope with the situation. Practically every car the railroad owns is in service and still maintaining of freight at the terminals show no signs of diminution. Several large freighters are seen daily at anchor in the Pacific roadstead off Balboa waiting for a chance to get to the wharf to unload their cargoes that are destined finally to reach New York and other eastern United States ports.

At the time the route across Mexico was interrupted there were several ships unloading in the harbor at Salina Cruz. Every effort was made to unload the ships and get away before the port was closed, but several of the vessels were unable to get their cargoes on the wharf in time. In consequence they sailed for Panama with parts of their cargoes.

The arrival of the sugar ships of the Hawaiian-American line led the Panama Canal authorities to start a large line through the canal in hope of relieving the situation. The pontoon bridge across the canal at Panama has been swung into position and in future will be used by the Panama Railroad in operation, its trains on the west side of the canal.

An incident recently came to light which clearly shows the determination of the San Blas Indian of Panama to maintain his foothold in the fertile territory in which he lives as well as his desire to maintain purity of blood. A short time ago the chief of the tribe living at Rio Babito, on the San Blas coast, ordered the burial of an infant a few days old, because it was the offspring of a negro and a woman member of the tribe. The negro was ordered to leave the country. The old chief made it clear that the day after the white man or negro acquires a foothold among them that day will mark the beginning of the loss of their independence. Recently a party of white men appeared in the San Blas country to work a gold mine which they had been told existed in the interior. The Indians resented their coming and drove them out of the country.

Canal employees, in anticipation of the time when they return to the United States, have organized a colony club with the view of forming a farm and industrial colony in one of the Southern states. The object is to

undertake the investigation of numerous offers for farm lands and the industrial opportunities that are constantly being held out to those who are about to leave the isthmus. The community idea seems strongly in favor among the canal workers and it is expected that several such communities will result from the investigations undertaken by the colony club.

W. O. Johnston, mining engineer, in charge of a mining property in the province of Varanias, Republic of Panama, has reported to the Panama Government that he recently discovered an old Spanish cannon that probably has been on the isthmus since the days of a Spanish occupation. The cannon, he says, was found on a bluff near the mouth of the Rio Concepcion and probably formed part of a battery that at one-time commanded that river. It is believed there are other field pieces in the vicinity. A search is being made for them and if found it is planned to mount them as an exhibit at the forthcoming exposition to be held in Panama next year coincident with the formal opening of the Panama Canal.

Private Ball, of Company B, of the First Battalion of the 19th Infantry stationed at Camp Oita, recently was lost and has now been reported officially as missing. Ball disappeared while his company was making a practice march through the rough country south of Panama City. The entire battalion made the march. A portion of company B, under the command of Captain Bekridge, was lost in the jungle, but finally found its way back to camp after having to cut his way through the dense undergrowth for nearly ten miles. Private Ball was part of this detail.

TOKIO, May 23.—A million torches and lanterns illuminated Tokyo to-night when the body of Empress Dowager Haruko was borne through the streets in a beautiful funeral car drawn by white oxen. There had been no pageant of such solemn grandeur here since the funeral of Emperor Meiji, a year and a half ago.

Practically the entire American colony viewed the procession from various points of vantage. It is a rule that no Japanese subjects may look down upon a royal personage from elevated points, whether the royal is dead or alive. The strict observance of this was the cause of every door and window above the first floor along the funeral route to remain closed and dark.

The ceremonies tonight were the culmination of a series of services held daily since the official death of the Empress Dowager on April 11. Her actual death occurred two days earlier at Numadzu, but tradition prescribes that no member of the imperial family can die outside the capital so the body of the Empress was conveyed to Tokyo, and driven smartly to the Aoyama Palace in a closed private carriage. At the palace she "officially" died a few hours later.

In the six weeks since, a special temple was erected on the Yoyogi military field, southwest of the city, where the main funeral service was held. In the morning the service of "installation of the spirit" was performed with great ceremony. The Emperor, the Empress, Prince and Princesses of the blood were present to pay before the shrine.

By noon crowds, augmented by thousands from the country filled the streets. The people stood for hours waiting for the cortege.

At dusk when the illumination of the route has been completed the imperial coffin was placed in the funeral car at Chiyama Palace, and the

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near the principal shrine, while the diplomatic corps, including George W. Guthrie, the American Ambassador, had also taken their places in a reserved section.

Standing watch fire, in imitation of those used in the Imperial court yards in ancient days, made up of pine faggots, were ablaze in various parts of the temple in iron baskets set on tripods.

When the funeral car had been drawn up before the chief shrine the dirge was chanted and food offerings were given. Other offerings included gold brocade, damask, silks and silk threads, all placed in a box made of willow branches.

The Emperor paid his homage by reading an address. He was followed by others representing the court and the Empire. These, over, the curtains were drawn before the shrine and the imperial coffin was borne to a special train conveying it to Nomoya

ma, near Kioto, to be laid away in a plot of land near the mausoleum of the Emperor Matsuhito. At the departure, cannon thundered from Shingawaya Bay several miles away and a vast body of mourners bowed their last reverences.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A pedestrian in New York City nowadays runs a greater chance of losing his life or parting with a limb than if he were engaged in almost any of the so-called hazardous occupations—modern warfare, for instance. According to figures given out by the National Highway Protective Society forty-five persons, of whom twenty-three were children, were killed in this city last month by automobiles, street cars, or horse-drawn vehicles. This is a larger number of persons than were killed on the American side in the capture of Vera Cruz.

New York is likely to have during the coming year a new amusement building which will be chiefly devoted to indoor skating and other features of winter sports. The idea will be copied from the famous ice palaces of Berlin and other cities of Europe. The enterprise is being promoted by a coterie of young men headed by Irving Brokaw, whose skill as a fancy skater is well known. A site for the proposed structure has been selected in Park Avenue, just north of the Grand Central Station. The preliminary plans provide for a main skating rink covering the entire ground floor of the building, with seating accommodations for 8,000 spectators.

Deputy Sheriff Holman A. Drew, of Concord, who has the custody of Harry K. Thaw, is one of four candidates who will contest in the coming primaries for the Republican nomination